



# St. Joseph's Church Wilton

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## Our International Day - Sunday 8th Sep.

All are welcome to attend our International Day (8th Sep. from 2.00pm to 6.00pm) on the SMA Grounds behind the church building. Access to the grounds is between the church and the parish centre.



There will be plenty of opportunity to taste different food items and we are grateful to people who donate cakes for the tea/coffee stand. These can be dropped off at the Parish Centre in the days leading up to the event. We thank those who have volunteered to assist on the day. If anyone is uncertain of how they can help please go to the information desk which will be located by the Parish Centre.

## Programme for International Day

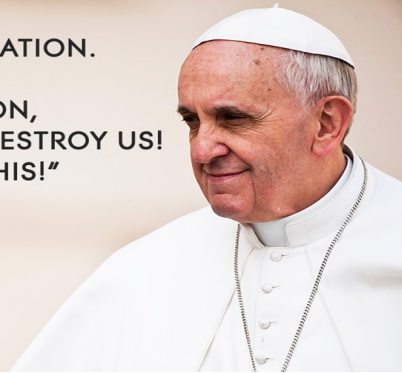
- 2.30pm — Filipino Community
- 3.00pm — Eritrean Community
- 3.30pm — Syro Malabar Community
- 3.45pm — "The Cat's Tale" a sketch performed by Kevin Power
- 4.00pm — Irish Group
- 4.30pm — Polish Community
- 5.00pm — Ukrainian Community

## Update On Our Support For Gaza

Having received the donation from a parishioner of a decorative quilt, we have decided to conduct a raffle in support of the people of Gaza. What we have witnessed on our TV's is shocking and credit to our parishioners who have responded generously. From the raffle and from individual donations, we have so far collected **€5,879**. **The raffle for the quilt will take place during our International Fun Day on Sept. 8th.**

"SAFEGUARD CREATION. BECAUSE IF WE DESTROY CREATION, CREATION WILL DESTROY US! NEVER FORGET THIS!"

- POPE FRANCIS



## The Season Of Creation (Sep. 1 to Oct. 4)

### Confession:

When we are unkind to people,  
And forget they are God's children,  
When we are careless with the beasts,  
And forget they are God's creation,  
When we ill-treat the land,  
And forget the splendour of God,  
Forgive us, O God of love,  
And reconcile us to yourself,  
To one another and to the Creation.  
Teach us that the earth and all its fullness is yours,  
The world and all who dwell in it.



Even the weakest and most vulnerable, the sick, the old, the unborn and the poor, are masterpieces of God's creation, made in his own image, destined to live for ever, and deserving of the utmost reverence and respect.

— Pope Francis —

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## New Courses in the Centre

There are two new courses starting in the centre soon. Scan the QR codes below to view two promotional videos for the courses.

### Sharper Brains: 17th September—11am - 12pm

The Sharper Brain Series was developed as part of a postgraduate programme in Healthcare Innovation at Trinity College, Dublin, to provide awareness, guidance, and hope to those worried about developing Alzheimer's disease or other forms of dementia in later life. Over the 6-week course, the presenter will provide information on the latest healthy ageing research and lead participants through exercises, healthy eating, meditation and strategies designed to keep their brains sharp, healthy and resilient to Alzheimer's disease with age.



### Culinary Medicine: 17th September—7pm - 9pm

Neil Hogan is a trained chef and a certified nutritionist dedicated to improving the health of individuals and communities through nutrition education. Culinary medicine is an evidence-based field of lifestyle medicine that combines culinary skills and nutrition education, focusing on the health benefits of traditional Mediterranean and DASH diets. In this 6-week course, you will learn how to avoid unhealthy foods and cook nourishing meals at home for you and your family, helping you achieve better health outcomes and prevent and treat diet-related chronic diseases. The future of our healthcare starts in the kitchen.



**For more info** - Tel: 087-9243100  
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## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

## GREETING

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.**

## PENITENTIAL ACT

Have mercy on us, O Lord.

**For we have sinned against you.**

Show us, O Lord, your mercy.

**And grant us your salvation.**

May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life. **Amen.**

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

## THE GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you, we bless you,  
we adore you, we glorify you,  
we give you thanks for your great glory,  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
you take away the sins of the world,

have mercy on us;  
you take away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father,  
have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**



## OPENING PRAYER

O God, by whom we are redeemed and receive adoption, look graciously upon your beloved sons and daughters, that those who believe in Christ may receive true freedom and an everlasting inheritance.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ .....

## ✠ LITURGY OF THE WORD ✠

### FIRST READING Isaiah 35:4-7

*A reading from the prophet Isaiah*

Say to all faint hearts,



## TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The signs that Jesus is present and that we are his true witnesses is that we attend to our sick, console those who are in despair, befriend the friendless; work for social justice, we must not be mute through fear or self-protection. We must do all things well. **8th September 2024**

'Courage! Do not be afraid. 'Look, your God is coming, vengeance is coming, the retribution of God; he is coming to save you.' Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, the ears of the deaf unsealed, then the lame shall leap like a deer and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy; for water gushes in the desert, streams in the wasteland, the scorched earth becomes a lake, the parched land springs of water.

*The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.*

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps. 145: 7 - 10

**R. My soul, give praise to the Lord.  
or Alleluia!**

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,  
who is just to those who are oppressed.  
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,  
the Lord, who sets prisoners free. **(R)**
2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,  
who raises up those who are bowed down,  
the Lord who loves the just,  
the Lord, who protects the stranger. **(R)**
3. The Lord upholds the widow and orphan  
but thwarts the path of the wicked.  
The Lord will reign for ever,  
Zion's God, from age to age. **(R)**

### SECOND READING James 2:1-5

*A reading from the letter of St. James*

My brothers, do not try to combine faith in Jesus Christ, our glorified Lord, with the making of distinctions between classes of people. Now suppose a man comes into your synagogue, beautifully dressed and with a gold ring on, and at the same time a poor man comes in, in shabby clothes, and you take notice of the well-dressed man, and say, 'Come this way to the best seats'; then you tell the poor man, 'Stand over there' or 'You can sit on the floor by my foot-rest.' Can't you see that you have used two different standards in your mind, and turned yourselves into judges, and corrupt judges at that?

Listen, my dear brothers: it was those who are poor according to the world that God chose, to be rich in faith and to be the heirs to the kingdom

which he promised to those who love him.

*The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.*

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia! Speak,  
Lord, your servant is listening:  
you have the message  
of eternal life.**

**Alleluia!**

### GOSPEL Mark 7:31-37

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.*

Returning from the district of Tyre, Jesus went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, right through the Decapolis region. And they brought him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they asked him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, put his fingers into the man's ears and touched his tongue with spittle. Then looking up to heaven he sighed; and he said to him, 'Ephphatha,' that is, 'Be opened.' And his ears were opened, and the ligament of his tongue was loosened and he spoke clearly. And Jesus ordered them to tell no one about it, but the more he insisted, the more widely they published it. Their admiration was unbounded. 'He has done all things well,' they said 'he makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.

*The Gospel of the Lord.*

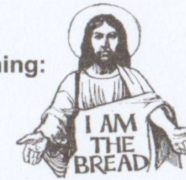
**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

### NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible.  
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the Only Begotten Son of God,  
born of the Father before all ages.  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, consubstantial with  
the Father; through him all things were made.  
For us men and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,

*All bow for following three lines:*  
and by the Holy Spirit  
was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,  
and became man.

**For our sake he was crucified**



under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy,  
catholic and apostolic Church.

I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. **Amen**

## ✠ LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST ✠

*Pray, brothers and sisters.....*

**May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.**

### PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

O God, who give us the gift of true prayer and of peace, graciously grant that through this offering, we may do fitting homage to your divine majesty and, by partaking of the sacred mystery, we may be faithfully united in mind and heart.

Through Christ our Lord.

### AFTER THE CONSECRATION

*The mystery of faith.*

**Save us, Saviour of the world,  
for by your Cross and Resurrection  
you have set us free.**

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

**Like the deer that yearns for running  
streams, so my soul is yearning for you,  
my God; my soul is thirsting for God,  
the living God.**

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Grant that your faithful, O Lord,  
whom you nourish and endow with life  
through the food of your Word and heavenly  
Sacrament, may so benefit from your  
beloved Son's great gifts that we may merit  
an eternal share in his life. Who lives and  
reigns for ever and ever.